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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Security (PSI)
THROUGH : Chief, Security Support Division
SUBJECT : Polygraph Policy

1. Attached are copies of papers you requested at the 0910 morning meeting 24 April 1974.

2. The policy paper, signed by Mr. Helms in 1970, is the current authority for polygraphing applicants and others. The exact wording is:

"The polygraph will be used in the Central Intelligence Agency as an aid to investigation for determining the security eligibility of persons for employment by or assignment to the Agency; security clearance by the Agency; staff-like access to sensitive Agency installations; utilization in operational situations; or continued access to classified information where implications of a security nature or investigative information require clarifying security interviews."

3. Applicant Information Sheet No. 2 is also attached. Paragraph 1 of this paper informs the applicant that:

"... An extensive investigation, which includes a polygraph interview, is conducted with regard to the loyalty, background and character of applicants under consideration for employment..."

The paper then gives general parameters of what is to be covered in this investigation.

4. As you are aware, the Director of Security has requested a complete review of policy statements in the Office to see if they square with today's environment. We are conducting such a review. Indications are that some changes would be desirable. However, the information and procedures reflected here seem to be sound and we would not propose changes except to have the general policy included in the Headquarters regulations.

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Chief, Interrogation Branch

Attachments

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